

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Norbert Miller et al.
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the first office action after Request for Continued Examination, please amend the instant application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims are amended as shown in the attached marked-up complete list of claims.